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1. APPRECIATE YOUR EFFECTIVE EFFORTS WITH BRAZILIANS AND
REFTEL REPORT ON YOUR MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL
GUERREIRO. RE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OPEC COUNTRY
POSITIONS, OPENING POSITIONS ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC
RECORD, RANGING FROM SAUDI PROPOSAL FOR SIX MONTH
FREEZE, TO IRANIAN DEMAND FOR 15 PERCENT INCREASE AND
IRAQI ADVOCACY OF 25 PERCENT.

2. U.S. OF COURSE MADE DEMARCHES IN ALL OPEC CAPITALS.
REACTIONS WERE GENERALLY UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC -
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UP TO A POINT. WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY DETAILED ANALYSIS OF
THE RESULTS OF OUR DEMARCHES. LIKE THE BRAZILIANS, WE WILL
BE LOOKING TO THE DECISION AT DOHA FOR THE CONCRETE
RESULTS-

3. DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE REACHED IN 24 HOURS OR LESS

FOLLOWING INTENSIVE INTRA-OPEC DIPLOMACY. WE CANNOT
PREDICT THESE DYNAMICS. HOWEVER WE ARE CONVINCED THAT
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS BY U.S. AND OTHERS MADE AN IMPACT ON
OPEC DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND WE HOPE YOU WILL EXPRESS
TO GOB OUR GRATIFICATION THAT IT PURSUED A PARALLEL COURSE

IN ADVANCE OF OPEC MEETING.
ROBINSON

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